

60. (withdrawn)

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the claims in this application to three (3) groups. Group I includes claims 1 to 23, Group II includes claims 24 to 42, and Group III includes claims 43 to 60.

Applicant elects Group I (claims 1 to 23). Groups II to III (claims 24 to 60) are hereby withdrawn without prejudice and without conceding to the Examiner's characterizations, for reasons unrelated to patentability. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute Claims 24 to 60 in separate divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

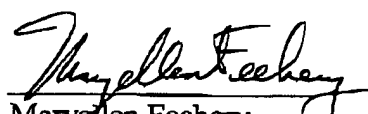
Applicant does not believe any additional fee is required for this Response and Request for Reconsideration, however, in the event any additional fee is required or any overpayment credit is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

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